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Subject: Review of comments of Chief, D/NIS on Management Staff Study.
Reference: ~~25X1A9a~~ (3)
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(A) Comments of Chief, D/NIS on Management Staff Study

1. The attached contains a lengthy dissertation ^{The comments of 25X1A9a} by ~~25X1A9a~~ as Ref. A ARE

25X1A9a ~~on the subject of the NIS program,~~ ^{including} ~~this document includes~~ a complete review and explanation as to the concepts and workings of the NIS program, ~~complete~~ with quotations from all the basic documents, such as NSCID No. 3, and the DCIDS, pertinent thereto.

2. The attachment is the usual multitude of words which so far has been able to confuse the issue for all concerned, and apparently is the standard technique of the NIS Division, ORE.

3. Management feels its recommendations are soundly conceived and are practical, but regardless of that, our every recommendation is refuted so that the NIS program will not be disturbed by any outside influence. For example, our stand on their internal organization was that the Publication Branch was not actually operating as constituted on the T/O structure, ^{and the T/O should be amended accordingly.} NIS' reply was: "The table of organization for the Publication Branch is not being followed in performance of activities." ~~Then they state reasons and wind up by saying "in consequence, it is recommended that no action be taken on the reorganization of the Publication Branch...."~~ ^{But then}

4. In the essence, these matters are minor. I think the whole of the problem rests in ^{a decision as to who is responsible for the entire} ~~a fallacy that I fear this Staff is unable to comprehend.~~ According to the Chief of the NIS Division, verbally

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and by the attached paper, the NIS program is not the responsibility of CIA, but is the responsibility of the NIS Committee, the chairman of which is the Chief of the NIS Division. This ^{would seem to} ~~creates the~~ situation whereby a subordinate of the Director is superior to the Director. If this is indeed intended, then this Staff requests direction along those lines, as such a concept is ^{both} ~~not only~~ confusing ^{and} ~~but~~ conflicting.

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5. In paragraph 6 of the attached paper, [REDACTED] states: "The question of paramount importance is whether or not the NIS is an interdepartmental project or a CIA project. The answer to this question appears to be clear" he says. [REDACTED] then quotes NSCID No. 3. It is obvious that his interpretation and ~~that~~ ^{the} interpretation of this office are completely opposite.

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6. ^{we} ~~I~~ need not reiterate the old argument on dissemination, ^{That it has been my experience that} ~~except to say I feel as strongly as ever that no matter how~~ [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ^{most} ~~explains it, every~~ recipient, of the NIS with whom I have ever discussed the subject, always refers to ^{the NIS} ~~it~~ as a CIA publication, ^{they CIA} and holds ~~us~~ accountable for ~~its~~ content and ~~its~~ distribution. This Staff has never indicated or suggested that the NIS Committee or that the IAC itself should not influence the dissemination of the NIS product, but to give the dissemination authority to the NIS Division somehow does not seem to be the whole answer and we reiterate our stand that the NIS productions be disseminated by the same office as is everything else in CIA, as per the Director's orders - under the control of the OCD.